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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO PORG SZ

SUBJ: ASSESSMENT OF ILO CONFERENCES

REF: A) STATE 186432; B. STATE 168519

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON ARMIN KAMER, FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT, FOR EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ILO CONFERENCES DRAWING ON ASSESSMENT REF A. KAMER SHARED US VIEW POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF CONFERENCES AND HAD NOTHING ADD TO ASSESSMENT WEC IN REF B. HE AGREED ANNUAL ILO CONFERENCE NOT ORDINARY BECAUSE NO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES DECIDED, MOSTLY PROCEDURAL ISSUES, AND FOR THAT REASON BELIEVED IT PREMATURE STATE WHETHER SUPPORT FOR US GOALS TEMPORARY OR REPRESENTED COMMITMENT REFORM ILO.

2. KAMER SAID GOS SHARES US OBJECTIVES AND CONCERN OVER POLITICIZATION ILO. AS HOST COUNTRY GOS CONCERNED OVER US LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO WHICH WOULD CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR ORGANIZATION. THIS CONCERN PROMPTED SWISS DELEGATION CONTACT US DELEGATION CHIEF HOROWITZ WHO ACCEPTED INVITATION VISIT BERN BEFORE NOVEMBER GOVERNING BODY MEETING TO MEET JEAN-PIERRE BONNY, DIRECTOR SWISS FEDERATION LABOR OFFICE, WHO LEADS  
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GOS DELEGATION TO ILO.

3. KAMER NOTED EFFORTS INTRODUCE POLITICAL ISSUES, E.G. PLO OBSERVERS, IS PART CONCERTED EFFORT ALREADY SUCCESSFUL IN UN AND IN OTHER AGENCEIS. THOUGH SWISS HAVE ABSTAINED ON VOTES ON SUCH POLITICAL ISSUES, KAMER SAID SWISS MAY SEE INTRODUCTION POLITICAL ISSUES DIFFERENTLY THAN US. SWISS CONSIDER ILO AS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION DEALING WITH NATIONAL PROBLEMS OF POLITICAL NATURE.

4. KAMER NOTED PARTICULARLY STRONG SUPPORT FROM SWISS TRADE UNIONS FOR ILO WHICH THEY CONSIDER IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION FROM LABOR VIEWPOINT. HE ADDED THAT US AFL/CIO HAS HAD CONTACTS WITH SWISS FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS AND AFL/CIO SECRETARY TREASURER LANE KIRKLAND MAY VISIT SWITZERLAND THIS FALL AS PART OF EUROPEAN TOUR.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPT KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF HOROWITZ AND KIRKLAND PLANS TO VISIT BERN.  
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